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THIOETHERS

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following response is made to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006 setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on December 26, 2006. Enclosed is a petition for a one month extension of time to January 26, 2007 and the appropriate fee. Applicants request consideration of the following remarks and reconsideration of the rejections set forth in said Office Action.

Remarks begin on page 6.